

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 972 - HB 1192

March 15, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes an adoptive child that has been issued a new certificate of birth with the name of an adoptive parent, upon reaching the age of majority, to petition a court of competent jurisdiction for an order requiring issuance of a new certificate of birth replacing the name of the adoptive parent with the name of a deceased biological parent. The court may grant the petition if the adoptive child was born in wedlock in this state with the names of both biological parents stated on the original certificate of birth; subsequently, one of the adoptive child's biological parents died, the surviving parent remarried, and the surviving biological parent's new spouse legally adopted the adoptive child; and the surviving biological parent and adoptive parent of the child subsequently divorced.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the bill will have a nominal affect upon caseloads.
- According to the Department of Health, the amendment to the certificate will be processed in the normal course of business. Any increase in the volume of requests is expected to be not significant and can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Department without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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